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Dear Paul (Gary),

You may remember that after your return, when you sent back to Bud those files you had borrowed, you recommended that I go over them before he refiled them. They got to him too fast and he did this too promptly, so I couldn't. However, I have gone over the Ferrie file, because I am filing a suit. It is quite helpful.

In the event you have no clear recollection, it discloses what everyone earlier missed, FBI knowledge of Ferrie, Martens and Arcacha, at the very least, as of 1961, and of what is not in any WC material and cannot be what is withheld from CD 75. In short, they held out.

Moreover, my interpretation of the Regis Kennedy-Marcello-Non-Ferrie report seems to be correct from a David Snyder dispatch (telegram), quoting Ferrie as quoting an unnamed FBI agent, very obviously Kennedy, as telling him this after the Garrison investigation became known.

The Ferrie-FBI relationship disclosed seems to have been a rather friendly one. Interestingly, Ferrie seems to be saying, repeatedly, that Bell was the Ferrie expert. Which does make a kind of sense of his having been given the Banister-Arcacha-Bartes bit. He refers to Bell knowledge not reflected in any reports I've seen, which doesn't, of course, mean that Ferrie was truthful.

Moo never told me he knew Ferrie before all of this, but that he did. I suggest nothing sinister. Moo apparently worked at the airport at one time.

The missed leads in this file alone, even after my experiences, stun me.

I take the "R" of the Chandler memos to be Rosemary James. The self-disclosures by Chandler are interesting, especially in the light of his later positions, as is the conjecture that seems to be a bit more in which he says that R's sources seem to be largely Pershing and Judge Sims.

However, the linking, to the FBI, before the assassination, of Ferrie, Martens, Arcacha and the CIA through the CRC, does make that 544 bit even more fascinating. This they had, aside from the intelligence unit files, before the assassination. It happened, if you have forgotten, through Martens rather than through Ferrie, though I have no doubt they had it both ways. It is the Martens path of which there is proof.

And it also seems that they had Ferrie material via the CAP.

Jim Lesar has promised to copy the draft of the uncorrected Ferrie complaint and send it to you as fast and as soon as possible. We will not get to work on that for at least a week. And I now have additions. I told him why.

Sincerely,